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PREFACE

The US Army may be called on to operate railroads worldwide. This manual provides a standard code of operating rules for personnel engaged in the operation of military railways. The rules given in this publication are consistent with those of railroads throughout the United States and many foreign countries. Some rules have been modified to be adaptable to operating conditions peculiar to military railroads.

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In order to work productively and safely, personnel must be knowledgeable of and obey the rules and special instructions of the military railroad. Commanders of railway units and installations or activities assigned and using railway equipment are responsible for selecting, training, and testing railway operating personnel in accordance with this manual and AR 611-201.

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